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APPLICANTS: Ostgaard et al. CONFIRMATION NO.: 4705
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TITLE: Cytological Imaging Systems and Methods
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please enter this Preliminary Amendment and consider the accompanying remarks. Amend the application as follows, without prejudice.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-78.

REMARKS

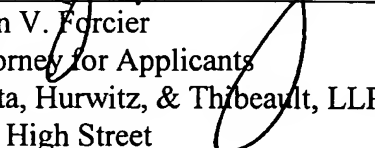
Applicants hereby cancel claims 1-78 to pursue in a related application(s). Claims 79-101 are currently pending.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and allowance of claims 79-101 in due course. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone at the number listed below to discuss any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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